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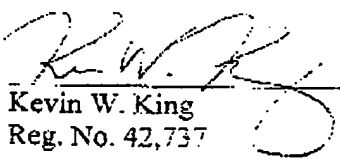
**Remarks**

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-24 and for indicating that claim 5 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The rejection is respectfully traversed if applied to the claim as amended. Claim 5 has now been amended to correct the antecedent basis of the phrase "the flexible supporting layer," by changing the dependency of the claim from claim 1 to claim 2, where the antecedent basis of the phrase can be found. Applicants therefore respectfully request that claims 1-24 be allowed.

The undersigned respectfully invites the Examiner to contact him by telephone (404.853.8068) if any outstanding issues can be resolved by conference or examiner's amendment.

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